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JOINT STAFF PERMANENT ORDER NUMBER J-ISO-0069-07

Subject: Announcement of the Award of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award

1. Under the provisions of DoD Directive 1348.33-M, September 1996, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious achievement to Headquarters, Multi-National Force-Iraq (MNF-I), Baghdad, Iraq, during the period 16 December 2005 to 16 December 2006. This award is for this Headquarters only. Service units and individuals assigned to Service units in support of MNF-I are not eligible for this award.

2. The Unit Streamer (FSN 8345-01-169-5944), Service Ribbons (FSN 8455-01-170-5143 for Army) and (FSN 8455-01-170-5144 for USAF, USN, USMC), and civilian lapel buttons (FSN 8455-01-348-0488) may be obtained from normal supply channels.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL:


J. D. MAHAR
Chief, Staff Management Branch



Citation

to accompany the award of the

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to

Headquarters, Multi-National Force-Iraq

Headquarters, Multi-National Force-Iraq, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 16 December 2005 to 16 December 2006. During this period, Multi-National Force-Iraq, the command and control element for a 26-nation Coalition of 145,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines greatly contributed to achieving the overall desired end-state of Iraq, at peace with its neighbors and an ally in the War on Terrorism, with a representative government that respects the human rights of all Iraqis, and a security force sufficient to maintain domestic order and to deny Iraq as a safe haven for terrorists. Multi-National Force-Iraq Headquarters planned, implemented, communicated and supervised an overall campaign plan enabling Iraq's transition to self reliance. They partnered with the Government of Iraq with a focused effort along four lines of operations broadly designated as security, governance, economic development, and informational. Subordinate combat units conducted highly successful counterinsurgency and counterterrorism operations to establish stability and security throughout the country. In March 2006, United States and Iraqi Forces took part in Operation SWARMER, an air assault offensive targeting insurgents, and in June 2006 Coalition forces succeeded in killing Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, the leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq. From June to October 2006, Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces took part in Operation TOGETHER FORWARD with the mission of improving security conditions in Baghdad. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Headquarters, Multi-National Force-Iraq have brought great credit upon themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 4th day of May 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. H. Rumsfeld", is positioned above the title of the official.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDER, ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND,
ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA

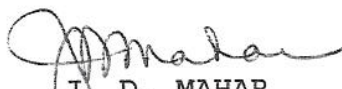
Subject: Joint Meritorious Unit Award

1. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA) to Headquarters, Multi-National Force-Iraq (MNF-I), Baghdad, Iraq, for exceptionally meritorious achievement from 16 December 2005 to 16 December 2006. This award is for this Headquarters only. Service units and individuals assigned to Service units in support of MNF-I are not eligible for this award.

2. Only those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were present at the time and directly participated in the service or achievement for 30 days or more, or for the period cited if less than 30 days, are authorized to wear the JMUA ribbon. Personnel must be assigned and/or attached by official orders to the joint unit or task force headquarters receiving the JMUA. Local commanders may waive, on an individual basis, the 30-day minimum time requirement for individuals (Reserve personnel on active duty and TDY and/or TAD personnel), who, in the purview of the commander contributed directly to the achievement cited, and were assigned on official orders to the awarded unit during the approved time frames.

3. Request you announce the approved unit award within your Service and include it in your permanent unit award records and publications. Copy of award order and citation are enclosed.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL:



J. D. MAHAR

Chief, Staff Management Branch

Enclosures